

1       A RESOLUTION urging the United States Congress to amend Title II of the Social  
2       Security Act to repeal the Government Pension Offset Provision and the Windfall  
3       Elimination Provision.

4       WHEREAS, the Social Security Act includes two provisions, the Government  
5       Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision, that reduce the Social Security  
6       benefits payable to persons who are entitled to benefits under other retirement systems  
7       under certain conditions; and

8       WHEREAS, the Government Pension Offset Provision reduces public employees'  
9       Social Security spousal or survival benefits by up to two-thirds of their public pension;  
10      and

11      WHEREAS, the Windfall Elimination Provision reduces the earned Social Security  
12      benefits of an individual who also receives a public pension from a job not covered by  
13      Social Security; and

14      WHEREAS, the Government Pension Offset Provision and the Windfall  
15      Elimination Provision have inequitable effects on many teachers, firefighters, police,  
16      postal workers, and others who have struggled their entire working careers to supplement  
17      family budgets and retirement savings with part-time and summer jobs where they paid  
18      into Social Security; and

19      WHEREAS, the National Education Association estimates that some 300,000  
20      individuals are losing an average of \$3,600 a year to the Government Pension Offset  
21      Provision; and

22      WHEREAS, nine out of ten public employees affected by the Government Pension  
23      Offset Provision lose their entire spousal benefit, even though their spouses paid Social  
24      Security taxes for many years; and

25      WHEREAS, the Government Pension Offset Provision and the Windfall  
26      Elimination Provision impact the teaching profession, as individuals who worked in other  
27      careers are less likely to desire to become educators if doing so will result in the loss of



1 earned Social Security benefits; and

2 WHEREAS, the Government Pension Offset Provision has the severest effect on  
3 widowed lower-income women, who have worked hard for years and can least afford  
4 reduced benefits; and

5 WHEREAS, the amounts lost due to the Government Pension Offset Provision and  
6 the Windfall Elimination Provision can make the difference between self-sufficiency and  
7 poverty; and

8 WHEREAS, Kentucky is one of the 15 states most impacted by the Government  
9 Pension Offset Provision and the Windfall Elimination Provision; and

10 WHEREAS, bipartisan legislation concerning the repeal of the Government Pension  
11 Offset Provision and the Windfall Elimination Provision was introduced in the 115th  
12 Congress;

13 NOW, THEREFORE,

14 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*  
15 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

16 ➔Section 1. This honorable body respectfully urges the United States Congress to  
17 amend Title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government Pension Offset  
18 Provision and the Windfall Elimination Provision.

19 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a  
20 copy of this Resolution to the President of the United States and the members of the  
21 Kentucky Congressional Delegation.